

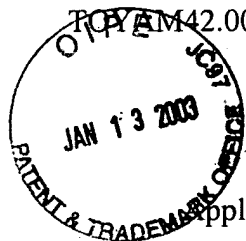
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nishikata, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1615
Appl. No. : 09/147,861)
Filed : March 17, 1999)
For : COATED POWDER AND)
COSMETIC PREPARED BY)
BLENDING THE SAME)
Examiner : Pulliam, A.)

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2001, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6, and 7 as shown.

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Claim 1. (Amended) A coated powder comprising (A) powder having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8 as a core, (B) a coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.9 to 3.1 on the powder (A), and (C) a coating layer of a material having a refractive index of 1.3 to 1.8 on the coating layer (B), wherein an amount of the coating layer (C) is 1 to 30 % by weight based on the total amount of the coated powder.

Claim 2. (Amended) The coated powder as claimed in claim 1, wherein an amount of the coating layer (B) consisting of the material having a refractive index of 1.9 to 3.1 is 1 to 50% by weight based on the total amount of the coated powder.